

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 320

By Pody

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Damien Shipper, 2013
Valedictorian of Watertown High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Damien Shipper is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2013 graduating class at Watertown High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Damien has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Mr. Shipper has earned an exemplary grade point average while graciously dedicating his time and energies to numerous scholastic and extracurricular efforts, including serving as a member of the National Honor Society, Beta Club, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), and the cross country team and track and field team; and

WHEREAS, active in his community, Damien has served as a volunteer for FBLA service projects and church events, and as a member of Youth Leadership Wilson; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shipper's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success as a student at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, which he plans to attend; and

WHEREAS, his noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Don and Melissa Shipper, his brother and sister, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Damien Shipper's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2013 Watertown High School Valedictorian, Damien Shipper, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.